

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
ROUTE 715 BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322  
MINUTES OF MEETING – OCTOBER 16, 2001

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2001, at the Municipal Building, Rte 715, Brodheadsville. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Mike Possinger, Dave Johnson and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mrs. Marks.

**Public Comment.**

Al Bourke. I read this week in the Pocono Record that 20 cents from each person will be given to the 911 enhancement fund, is that true? Cathy said it is not true, the Township has not been asked for any additional monies from 911.

Minutes. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike, it was voted to approve the Minutes of the October 2, 2001 meeting as distributed. (3-0)

**Correspondence.**

PSATS. Has requested that each municipality send copies of their most recent resolutions.

Emergency Mgmt. Plan. Chris Fisher, the Emergency Management Coordinator has contacted Chuck because we need to update our plan. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Dave it was voted to re-approve our current emergency plan. (3-0)

MC Tax Collector Bonds. The county has asked if we would like to go in on the bidding for tax collector bonds for next year. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Dave it was voted to be apart of the bidding. (3-0)

YMCA. Has suspended their fund raising efforts until April 2002, as the United Way Campaign has begun. The West End has raised \$8532.00 and countywide has raised \$15,081.00 or 60%.

PVSD. A letter has been received from Donna Les, Business Manager of the school clarifying that a tax-exempt decision has been reached for the 2001 year on the 2 properties in question. (2/5/1/23-1 and 2/5/1/23)

**Old Business.**

Romascavage Property Act 319. Atty. McDonald has written a letter to Mr. Hill, Chief Assessor of Monroe County, acknowledging that this property is in act 319. The mere

transfer of the property from Romascavage to the Township by itself does not trigger any rollback tax issues, and that there are no rollback tax issues unless or until the property is converted to an ineligible use as defined in the Farmland and Forestland Assessment Act, as amended.

EIT Ballot Question. Dr. Clarke would like to Chair the committee to create an alternate means of funding for open space instead of an EIT tax increase, if Mike would consider being a Co-Chair. He also would propose giving a rebate back to the resident if we receive more money than needed. Chuck said if you can show us an alternate source of funding, we would be willing to look at it, however, we cannot guarantee to anyone that there will be any type of rebate. A lengthy discussion ensued.

### Old Business.

Security Maintenance Agreement Ames. Atty. McDonald spoke on this agreement, the last agreement said that the owner would be relieved from any obligation in the event of a sale. Now it has been changed. Mr. Fisher, SEO, spoke on this and is not satisfied with some of the wording. This agreement states they will take readings once a month and at the end of the year will get the actual usage established by DEP sewage regulations. Mr. Fisher says this is not true, to get actual flows you must read the meter daily. Also paragraph 10 says if the flows are low, they will be able to expand if satisfactorily proven. In this case again, you must take daily readings. With some of the language needing to be changed, on motion made by Mike, seconded by Dave, it was voted to table this for the last time until the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in November. (3-0)

Dr. Clark. Asked what the rules of order were for this meeting? Chuck explained what they were. Also, Dr. Clark remarked that the Minutes of October 2<sup>nd</sup> did not give a word for word account of his EIT alternate plan. Cathy explained that the legal requirements of taking Minutes you must have a brief overview of the discussion and the motion, second and vote of the decision that was made.

### New Business.

Snow Plow Bids. After the last meeting, a snowplow bid was received the next day. Mike questioned, if this person can be called if we were short of plows during a storm. A brief discussion ensued. Atty. McDonald will look into the legality of this.

Request to Advertise Computer Equipment. Our computer equipment and possibly our software needs to be up-graded and we would like to network the computers for generalized information that will be informative to each department. We have a quote from Riley Computers for \$8610. A brief discussion ensued. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to table this matter pending further investigation. (3-0) Several residents offered their expertise to help. Atty. McDonald said before any person is able to view our current programs, there should be a confidentiality clause signed.

Meeting Change. Since the first meeting in November is Election Day and the office is closed on motion made by Mike, seconded by Dave it was voted to cancel this meeting. (3-0)

HRG Engineering. HRG has contacted DCED regarding potential funding from multi-municipal traffic studies. The estimated funding could be in the range of \$20,000 to \$30,000. Both Chestnuthill and Hamilton are interested in performing studies. Hamilton has identified 4 to 5 intersections to study and Chestnuthill has identified 11 intersections. Based on the number of intersections and the scope of work involved it was suggested a 70/30 split of payment to HRG. Chestnuthill paying \$1750. And Hamilton paying \$750. HRG is ready to proceed with the application upon authorization from the Townships. A resolution from each Township stating their commitment to performing a study if funding becomes available must be provided to accompany the application. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to approve the fee and application and resolution. (3-0)

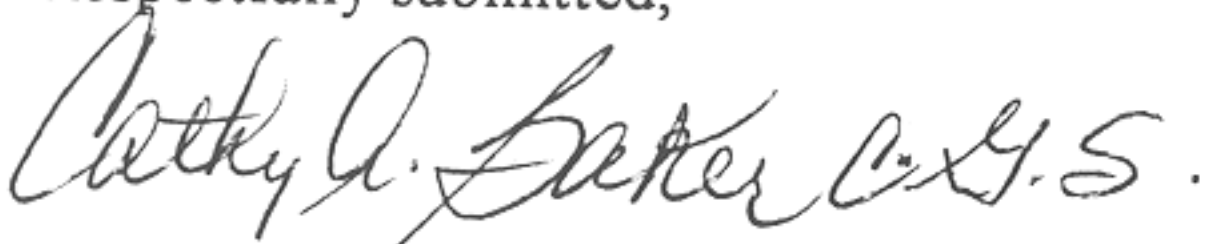
Bills. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Dave it was voted to pay the bills. (3-0)

Comprehensive Plan. Christine Laytos had contacted Atty. McDonald about the update of the comprehensive plan which included the 4 west end Municipalities and Jackson Twsp. Someone must be the lead Municipality and Christine asked Atty. McDonald to circulate the documents to the other solicitors. This plan can have a substantial impact on our region. The next step is more in-depth planning. Atty. McDonald was asking the Board if they would like to be the lead Municipality and authorize him to be the lead Atty. in this project. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to be the lead Municipality and to authorize Atty. McDonald to take care of this and work with the other solicitors.

Acquired Properties. Al Bourke questioned the Board as to when maps of the newly purchased properties will be available. Also, when the residents may use this land. Chuck said we have not closed on the Romascavage property yet, so it is not ours to use. The other properties we are working on, it is just a matter of getting a few more details in order. Dr. Clark said this area is a magnet for people to move into, if we have all these parks and recreation areas. Chuck said that by acquiring this property doesn't mean we will develop all of it, it may be just nature trails or we may just leave it as is.

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Mike, seconded by Dave it was voted to adjourn to executive session at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy A. Baker, CGS  
Recording Secretary